

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 17, 2004**

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Orlando Alcorido, Jr.
Jim Critchley
Mary Briden
K Lewis
Gary Smith
Jerry Stein
Gary Woods
Marilyn Price
Bill White

MEMBERS

ABSENT

Brian Smith

GUESTS

Janine Anderson
Dewayne Demland
Randy Perkins

BEMS STAFF

Ed Armijo
Dona Markley

I. CALL TO ORDER

K Lewis called the regular meeting of the Education Committee to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda made by Mary Briden, seconded by Chief Bill White.
Motion carried.

III. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Chief White and seconded by Mary Briden. Discussion: Chief Gary Woods made a motion to amend the minutes by changing the word 'minutes' to 'agenda' on page one item II. Chief White and Mary Briden accepted the amendment.
Motion carried. Minutes approved.

IV. DHS REPORT/INFORMATION

Ed Armijo announced the appointment of the new Medical Director, Dr. Bentley Bobrow. Dr. Bobrow will be attending the Medical Direction and EMS Council meeting on September 24 and 25, 2004. Also, the job announcement for a new Bureau Chief has been posted. They are now accepting resumes at the Director's office. Ed reviewed some of the office changes for the Bureau: Victor Dominguez is now stationed at the Office of Preparedness on the first floor doing EMS systems analysis for the Bureau and for Preparedness. Chuck Kramer, in Tucson, is doing systems analysis specifically for EMS regarding how we affect ambulance registrations and inspections, and will be doing special projects. The Regional Coordinators now report to Ed Armijo and Ithan Yanofsky. The coordinators are responsible for ambulance inspections, base hospital audits and training program audits.

The Regional Coordinators are as follows: Central Region – Peggy Lahren,

Southwestern Region – Tom Bortel, Karol Davis, and Ramona Cajero, Northern Region – Rosy Steinwand and Ralph Graves.

V. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – K Lewis

NREMT Rob Wagner presented materials on the future of NREMT testing in Phoenix. During this time he also visited and assessed the Phoenix College EMT training programs. Rob met with some of the faculty and students. He was complimentary of the Phoenix College Paramedic Training Program. He shared his concern over the problems with the Basic program in terms of initial certification. Of note are problems we’re having with training programs testing results, especially in the area of airway management. One of the issues is the change with the Heart Association and how it’s affecting the way NRT is writing test questions. (see New Business)

K received a request from two agencies and a hospital in central Phoenix and one in the southwestern region to know the status of the paramedic working in the emergency departments.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Paramedic working in a clinical facility – K Lewis

K would like to know the feeling of the group regarding continuation of the task force. Members of the Education committee will be contacted for your opinion. Orlando Alcorido stated that when he went to the EMC conference there was also discussion about the expanded scope of practice. K suggested that if it were desirable to continue the task force, October/November would be a good time to meet.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Bylaws for Education Committee – K Lewis

K called for suggestions for any change in the bylaws. None were made.

B. Choose a Vice Chair – K Lewis

One of the things the committee has neglected to do is to elect a Vice Chair. The Vice Chair serves for the period of time in the absence of the Chair. The Chair must be a member of the EMS Council, however the Vice Chair does not have to be a member of the EMS Council. The group did not have a recommendation at this time and asked to put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

C. NREMT and the EMT –Basic Airway Curriculum – K Lewis

Information was sent out to the members. There is conflict with the Heart Association regarding nasal cannulae 4L, and the NRT is using the Heart Association as only guideline in terms of administration of oxygen to a patient in crisis. Their recommendation is to teach the students that they use oxygen at two liters and nasal cannulae. This is foreign to the EMS community. K sent a note to Dr. Roger White who is the Chair of Anesthesiology at Rochester Mayo and is also one of the prime authors on anything to do with advanced life support and on the board with NREMT. Currently he is out of the country but will respond to K when he returns to discuss the basis of this concept.

Orlando and Dr. Smith offered discussion. K asked that this topic be revisited at the next committee meeting as it will affect how we train for real life as opposed to passing the exam.

D. AHA 2004 Summary of Revisions in the Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care of Health Care Providers – K Lewis

The handbooks are just now being published. K asked that the committee members read the Cardiovascular Handbook and if they can get a copy of the 2004 guidelines that would be good as well.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC -

Dwayne Demland an IEMT with PMT, asked to be put on the agenda of the next meeting as he is seeking an exemption to be a program director for a paramedic program as an IEMT. K honored his request to be placed on the next agenda.

IX. MEMBERS' EDUCATIONAL and INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

K announced there will be an Instructional Strategies course for all levels of EMTs on November 6 and 7, at Phoenix College and also an EMS meeting at the Library Bar and Grill.

Orlando Alcorido related that James O'Page passed away on September 4.

Jerry Stein asked that NREMT results be placed on the next meeting agenda.

K stated that another item regarding the requirements of a Course Completion Form to be submitted with the EMT application for registry is placed on the agenda.

Gary Woods asked where we stood with Diltiazam in the drug box. K gave comment.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Education Committee is scheduled for November 19, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be in conference room 540A. K asked all agenda items be submitted to her before the last week of October.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Recording Secretary: Candy Taff

Approved by Education Committee Date: November 18, 2005